

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 12, 2010

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to thank you for the recent package of arms sold to the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to request that your administration move quickly to sell them the additional F-16s they have expressed strong interest in.

We commend your administration's announcement on January 29, 2010, of an arms package to Taiwan totaling \$6.4 billion for Patriot PAC-3 missiles, Black Hawk helicopters, missiles, mine hunters and military communications equipment. Nevertheless, we were disappointed the package did not include the 66 F-16 fighter aircraft that Taiwan has expressed strong interest in since 2006.

As you know, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) is the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations. The TRA states that it is the policy of the United States "to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means...a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States."

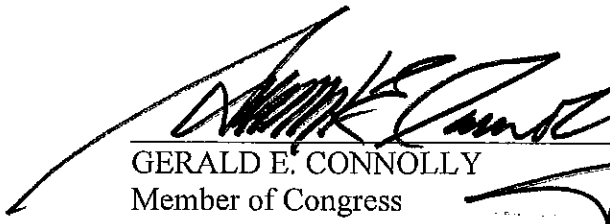
Taiwan lives under a constant military threat from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which has an estimated 1300 short and medium-range ballistic missiles pointed directly at Taiwan. Reports published by U.S. defense and intelligence agencies warn of Taiwan's precarious situation. For example, a 2009 Pentagon report on the military power of the PRC stated that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has developed and deployed military capability to coerce Taiwan, or to attempt an invasion if necessary. Moreover, a January 21, 2010 report by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency concluded that Taiwan's air defense is showing increasing vulnerability due to the aging of the air force fighter aircraft in contrast to the PRC's increasing military capabilities. That the production line of F-16s is scheduled to end in the next several months only makes the sale of these fighters all the more pressing for Taiwan.

The U.S.-Taiwan relationship stems from a shared commitment to the fundamental ideals of the rule of law and the democratic process. At this critical time, we urge you to display our commitment to our close friend and ally and move ahead immediately with the sale of F-16s to Taiwan.

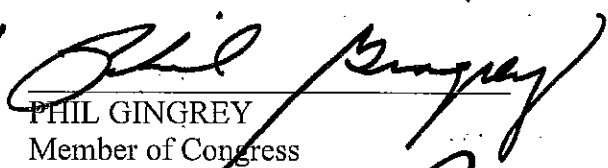
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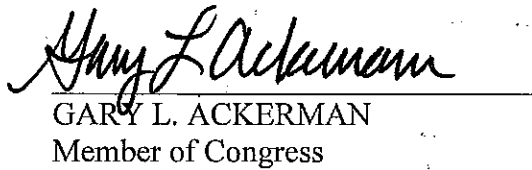
  
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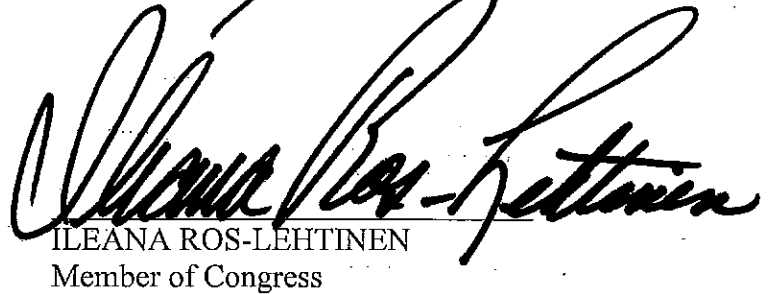
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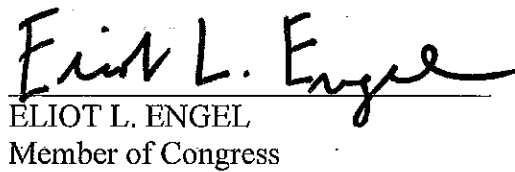
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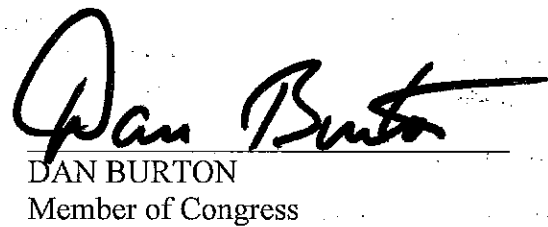
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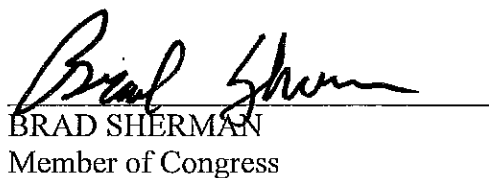
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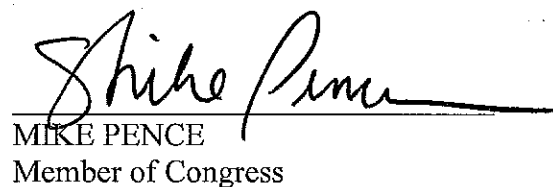
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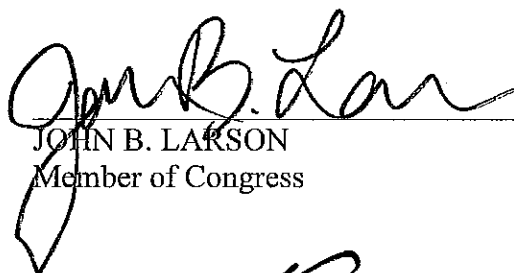
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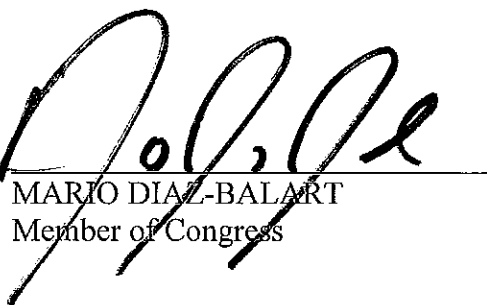
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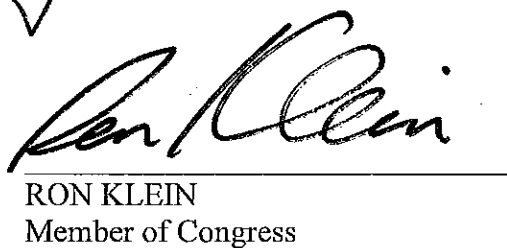
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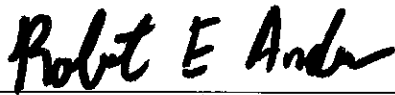
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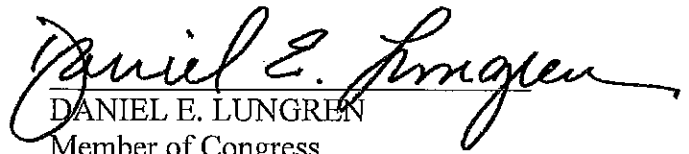
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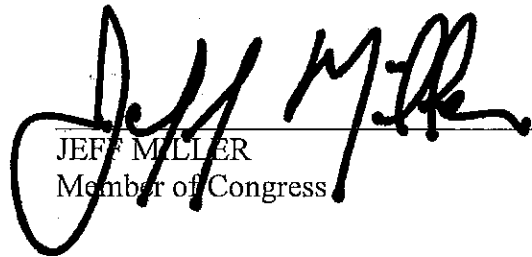
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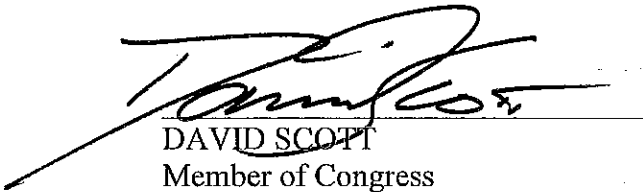
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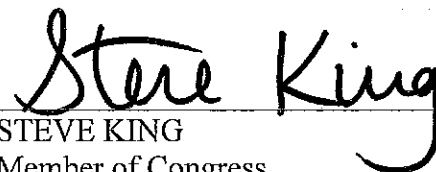
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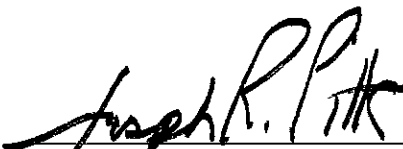
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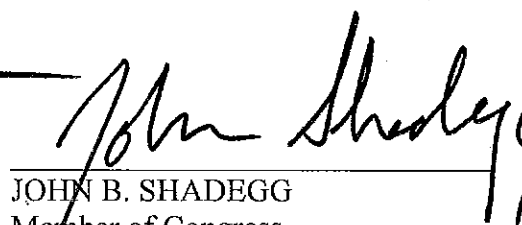
  
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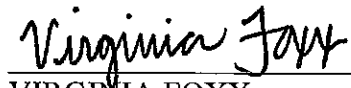
  
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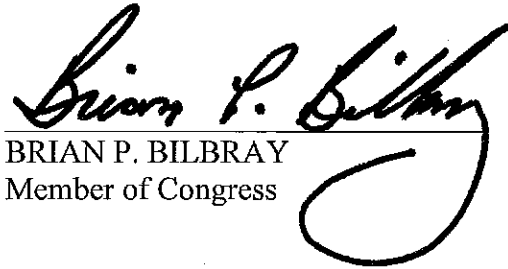
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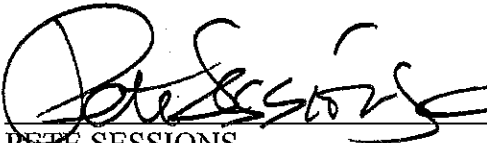
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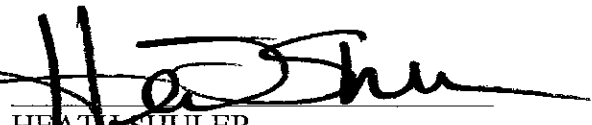
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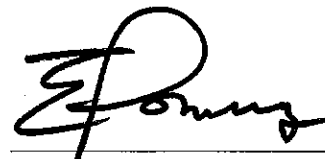
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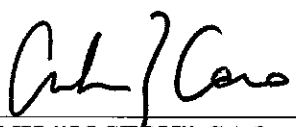
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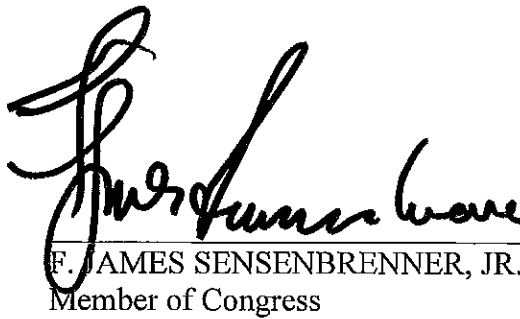
  
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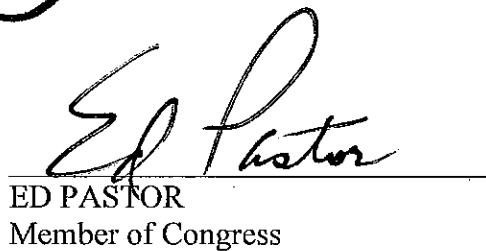
  
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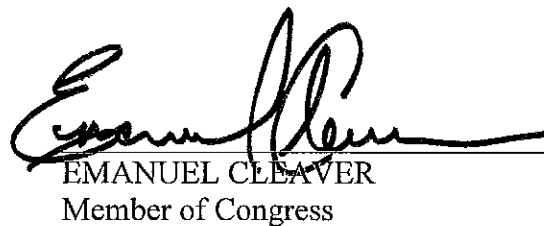
  
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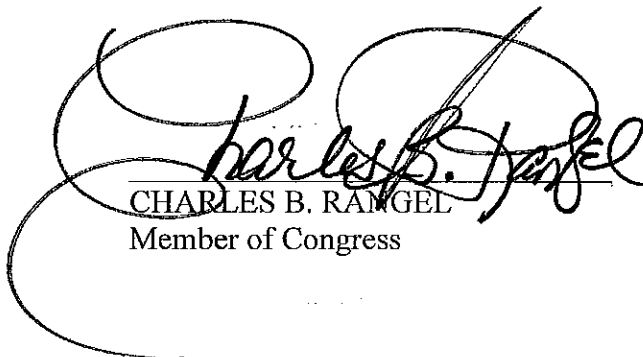
  
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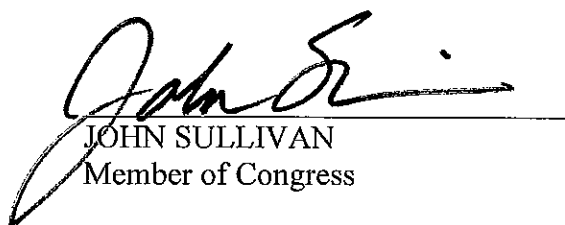
  
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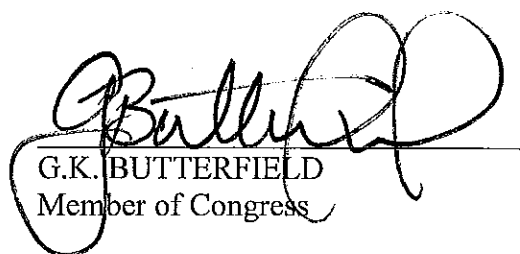
  
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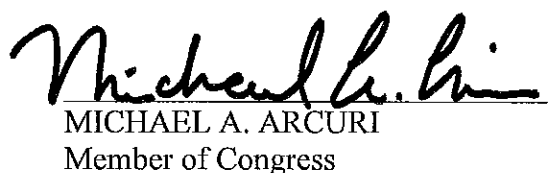
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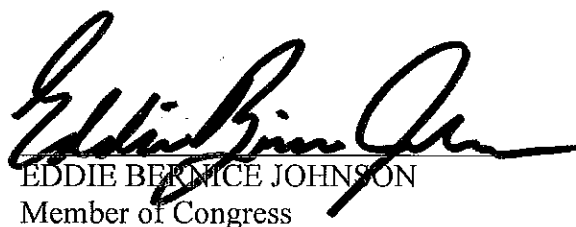
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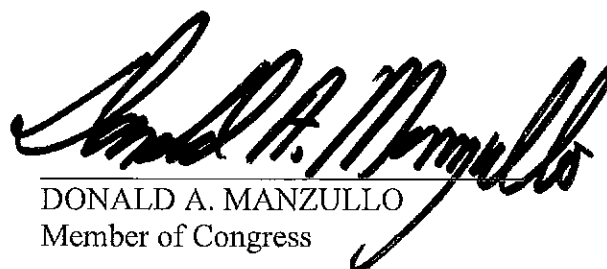
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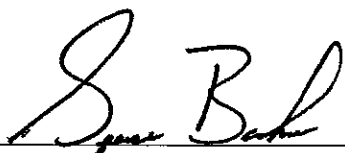


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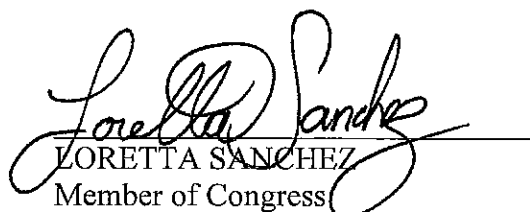
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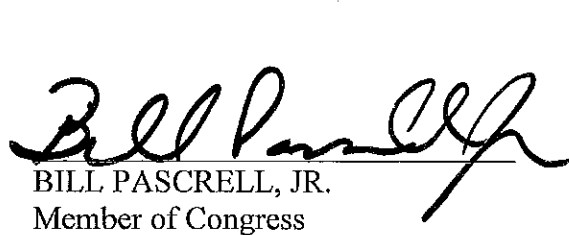



  
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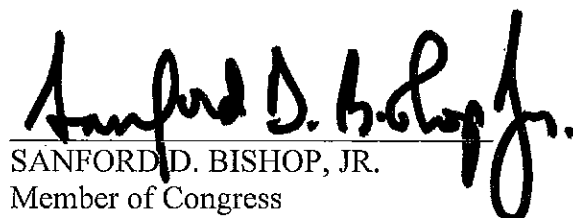
  
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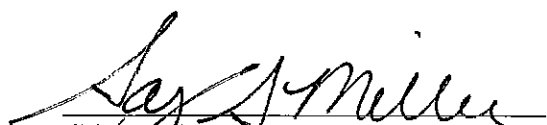
  
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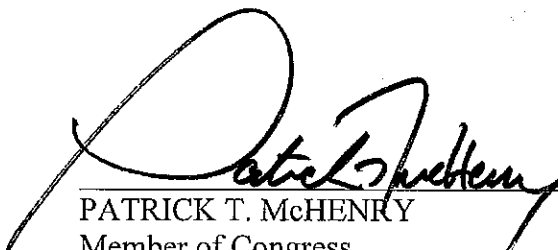


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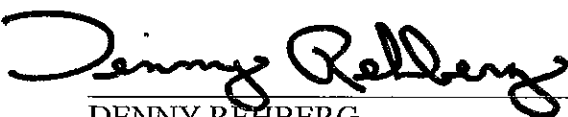
  
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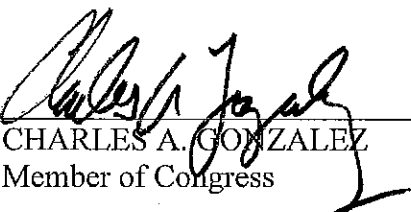
  
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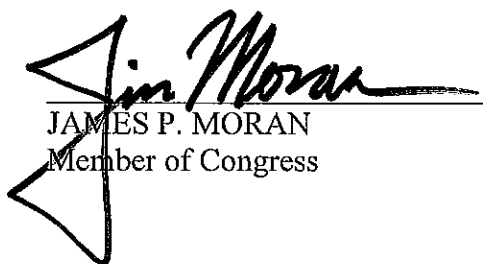
  
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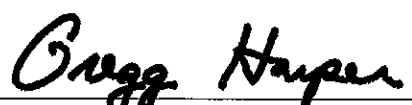
  
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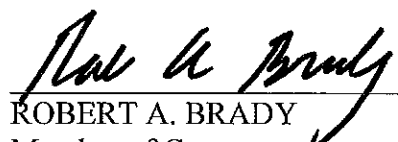
  
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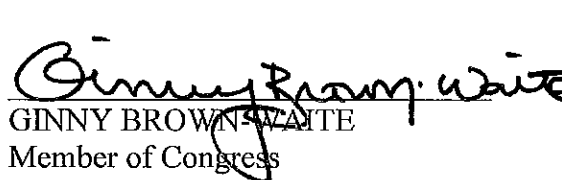
  
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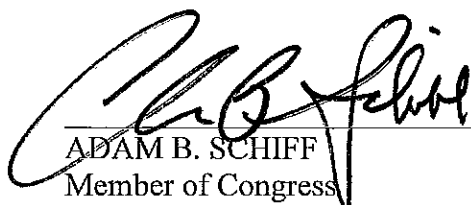
  
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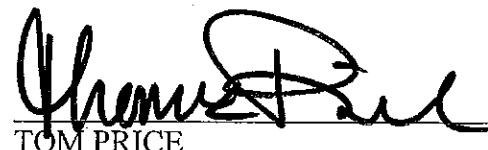
  
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